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OUTLINE OF DECLARATION

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SPEAKING NOTES USED BY NORWEGIAN
PERMREP AT JULY 25 COUNCIL MEETING IN PROPOSING POSSIBLE
FRAMEWORK FOR DECLARATION ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS.

BEGIN TEXT

THERE IS, I BELIEVE, FAIRLY WIDE AGREEMENT THAT THE IMPORTANT
AND RAPID CHANGES WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE BOTH IN THE INTERNATIONAL
FIELD AND WITHIN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES REPRESENT A CHALLENGE
TO OUR ALLIANCE. THIS CHALLENGE MUST BE ACCEPTED AND MET.

THE CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY OF NATO SHOULD BE USED TO PROVIDE
BOTH THE NECESSARY IMPETUS TO AND OVERALL POLITICAL CO-
ORDINATION OF THE EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES WHICH ARE NOW UNDER
WAY FOR ADAPTING OUR POLITICAL , ECONOMIC AND MONETARY SYSTEMS
TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF A CHANGING WORLD, WHILE GUARANTEEING THE
CONTINUING ROLE OF NATO AS A DETERRENT AGAINST MILITARY
AGGRESSION.

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THE RESULTS WHICH WE ARE SEEKING WILL NOT BE BROUGHT ABOUT
MERELY BY THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATION. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER,
THAT THE DECLARATION SUGGESTED BY DR. KISSINGER MAY BE A
USEFUL DEVICE IN FOCUSING PUBLIC ATTENTION ON THE IMPORTANT

ROLE OF NATO AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WITH A COMMON FRAME OF REFERENCE.

WE HAVE NO FIRM VIEW ON HOW SUCH A DECLARATION SHOULD BE DRAFTED. THE DUTCH DRAFT AND YOUR OWN PO, MR. CHAIRMAN, BOTH CONTAIN SEVERAL ELEMENTS WHICH SHOULD BE INCLUDED (AND I AM SURE OTHER USEFUL CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE TABLED TOO).

A FIRST STEP MIGHT BE TO AGREE ON A GENERAL OUTLINE, STARTING THE MAIN HEADINGS, WHICH COULD BE FILLED IN AS WE PROCEED.

A NATURAL OPENING COULD BE TO CONFIRM AND RE-EMPHASIZE THE VALIDITY OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLES AND OBLIGATIONS DESCRIBED IN THE TREATY. WE SHOULD, OF COURSE, ALSO REFER TO THE "REPORT OF THE THREE WISE MEN OF 1956", ON THE EXTENSION OF NON-MILITARY CO-OPERATION AND ESPECIALLY OF POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS, AND TO THE HARMEL-REPORT ON FUTURE TASKS OF THE ALLIANCE ESTABLISHING DEFENCE AND DETENTE AS OUR MAIN OBJECTIVES.

I ALSO THINK THAT SOME REFERENCE TO THE RESULTS ACHIEVED SO FAR AS A RESULT OF THE DETERMINED POLICIES OF THE ALLIANCE, MIGHT BE IN PLACE.

UNDER THE NEXT HEADING MAY BE INCLUDED A DESCRIPTION OF THE CHALLENGES WITH WHICH WE ARE FACED IN THE POLITICAL, MILITARY, ECONOMIC (MONETARY) AND TECHNOLOGICAL FIELDS, AND AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THE DECLARATION COULD LAY DOWN SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE ATLANTIC CO-OPERATION. I AM NOT VENTURING TO GIVE ANY INDICATION AT THIS STAGE WHAT THE CONTENTS OF SUCH GUIDELINES SHOULD BE. HOWEVER, AS AN ILLUSTRATION ONE MIGHT I.A. THINK OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

-THE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MILITARY SECURITY AND POLITICAL CO-OPERATION;

- CONTINUED NORTH-AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN EUROPE AND THE DETERMINATION OF WESTERN EUROPE AND NORTH-AMERICA
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TO WORK TOGETHER IN DEVELOPING THEIR COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS:

-THAT THIS CO-OPERATION SHOULD BE EXTROVERT TO THE REST OF THE WORLD;

-THAT AN ADEQUATE AND RATIONAL DEFENCE POSTURE MUST BE MAINTAINED ON THE BASIS OF AN EQUITABLE BURDEN SHARING;

- THAT THE ALLIANCE IS DETERMINED TO PURSUE AN ACTIVE POLICY OF DETENTE AND TO REACH AGREEMENTS ON EFFECTIVE AND CONCRETE ARMS CONTROL MEASURES;

-STABILITY IN THE COMMERCIAL AND MONETARY FIELD;

-ENCOURAGE EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
OF A WIDER ATLANTIC COMMUNITY;

-TO PURSUE ACTIVELY THE LONG-STANDING OBJECTIVES OF
ACHIEVING A FUNDAMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, A JUST AND STABLE PEACE IN EUROPE
AND A FREER MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE, INFORMATION AND IDEAS
AS SUGGESTED IN THE DUTCH PAPER.

THE SEQUENCE COULD, OF COURSE, BE CHANGED AND THE LIST BE
EXTENDED ACCORDING TO NEED.

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